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Letter dated 2 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter dated 2 November 1992 addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 49, 61 and 67, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mustafa AKŞIN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Letter dated 2 November 1992 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot delegate, Mr. Charalambos Kapsos, in the First Committee on 28 October 1992, during the general debate on the agenda items related to disarmament and international security matters.

The statement made by the Greek Cypriot representative is a tiresome repetition of unfounded allegations to which we have been compelled to reply on many occasions. On this occasion, I would like to refer to my letter dated 25 August 1992 (A/46/964-S/24490, annex) in response to the statement made by the Greek Cypriot Permanent representative, Mr. Jacovides, in the General Assembly on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. 1/

I should also like to add that the First Committee is a serious body that deals with disarmament questions. It is unworthy for the representative of an administration that spends $1 million per day on its military build-up to use this platform for the purpose of besmirching its neighbour with which it must form a federation of equals.

In his statement Mr. Kapsos also indicated the readiness of his administration "to proceed with a total demilitarization of Cyprus, thus freeing much needed resources for social progress and economic development".

To put this proposal in its proper context, I should like to recall the interview Mr. Andreas Aloneftis, the Greek Cypriot Defence Minister, gave to the Greek Cypriot weekly Kirikas on 6 April 1991. In this interview, Mr. Aloneftis announced that the Greek Cypriot National Guard was equipped with sophisticated weaponry and was prepared not for the "static defence of Cyprus" but was poised for "a prompt and decisive victory in the island".

As the representative of a people who were subjected to great cruelty and violence between 1963 and 1974 at the hands of the Greek Cypriots, I think the members of the Committee will share my concern for the ominous message contained in the phrase "a prompt and decisive victory in the island".

I should be grateful if this letter would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 49, 61 and 67.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative of the
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Notes

1/ See A/46/PV.90.